(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The following steps among others have been taken to develop the Himalayan region (i) North Eastern Council (NEC) was established to look after the all round development of the North East, (ii) Department of North Eastern Region (DONER) was established for the same purpose, (iii) 10% of the Plan Allocation of Central Ministries are earmarked for NE Region, (iv) Under Backward District Initiative of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), Border Area Development Programme and Hill Area Development Programme, assistance is given for development of selected Districts, Blocks, Areas of the Himalayan Region, (v) GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development was set up which implements specific projects meant for protecting the ecology of the region, (vi) Most of the States are declared as Special Category States which receive Special Plan Assistance as 90% Grant and 10% as Loan against Non-Special Category States getting 30% Grant and 70% loan. Besides, they enjoy a number of concessions in many Central Schemes.

Committees under Prime Minister

†3205. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Committees constituted under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister;

(b) the details of the dates of the meetings of these Committees during the last two years;

(c) the details of decision taken in these Committees; and

(d) the details of implementation of those decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Following are the Committees constituted under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister:—

Sl. No	Name of the Committee/Commission/ Council	Date when setup
1	2	3
1.	National Commission of Population	Resconstituted on 11.04.2005
2.	Committeeon Rural Infrastructure	21.10.2004

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
3.	Committee on Infrastructure	31.08.2004
4.	Kendriya Hindi Samiti	Reconstituted on 15.12.2004
5.	Trade and Economic Relations Committee	03.05.2005
6.	Energy Coordination Committee	13.07.2005
7.	Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry	03.09.2004
8.	National Integration Council	Reconstituted on 02.02.2005
9.	National Security Council	16.04.1999
10.	Committee to Celebrate 400th Anniversary of the installation of Sri Adi Granth in Shri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar (Punjab) during the year 2004.	17.08.2004

NOTE:— Various Cabinet Committees which are chaired by the Prime Minister are not included as it is the normal business of the Government.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected from the concerned Nodal Agencies servicing these Committees and the same will be laid on the Table of the House in due course of time.

Private sector to develop basic infrastructure

†3206.DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allowing entry of private sector to develop basic infrastructure in the country has not yielded satisfactory result so far;

(b) if not, Government's reaction thereto;

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